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Today's Topics:
                    CW folklore (Re: Help CW practice)
                          QSL Routes Wanted
                 Rebroadcast of Space Shuttle's audio
                         shave and a haircut
                 Updates for severe weather spotting.

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Charles Adams) writes:

>i know i still do this, just for fun. lot's stations still "dit   dit"
>after a qso just because they heard others do it. but that's where it all
>started, in the 'good ole' days. it may be that the new cw ops didn't know
>where/how this originated.

>after the december post, only ONE person, Ed Hare @ ARRL, knew what the
>"dit   dit" was. i've seen his picture in the QRP Classics book and he's
>not an OF. i do understand that he has cut his hair since then..... ;-)

Oh no! My secret is out. Actually, back in my Novice days (1963), the

"shave and a haircut" routine was quite common on the Novice
sub-band. This was only one of many things that were done differently
on the Novice sub-band compared to the "General and up" rest of
the band. Whenever I see people flame for any procedural
errors made by newly licensed hams, I can't help but wonder how much
of their own humble beginnings the flamer has forgotten.

Now, about that haircut ... it just seemed like the thing to do
at the time. :-). Of course, the rumors here were flying -- ranging
from "he is getting a new job" to "his boss made him do it." None of
them were true, of course. I am still here, and my boss ... well,
I better leave that one alone. :-).

>Rick: i've followed through with my threat......

I don't think we even want to know about this one!

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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American Radio Relay League
225 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111   You will never put the puzzle together
(203) 666-1541 - voice   if you keep putting all the pieces
ARRL Laboratory Supervisor   back in the box.
RFI, xmtr and rcvr testing

Date: Fri, 12 Feb 1993 20:49:47 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!sdd.hp.com!ncr-sd!ncrcae!
ncrhub2!ncrgw2!psinntp!gdstech!gdstech!bat@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: QSL Routes Wanted
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

 Why dont I check the GO list? If you know it's there, why not tell
us what it says? Anyway, the German cluster database has
YN1CC via YN3CC as of 12/92, for what it's worth. What is the date
of your GO list data, my friend?
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*   Pat Masterson | KE2LJ@KC2FD   *
*   Grumman Data Systems | 516-346-6316.   *
*   M/S D12-25 | *

Date: 13 Feb 93 03:28:23 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!sdd.hp.com!hp-cv!ogicse!
flop.ENGR.ORST.EDU!gaia.ucs.orst.edu!umn.edu!lynx.unm.edu!dns1.NMSU.Edu!opus!
forozco@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Rebroadcast of Space Shuttle's audio
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Tom, the Goddard Amateur Radio Club (Maryland, I think) usually
rebroadcasts shuttle audio and also gives orbital data during the
missions. There are several freq.'s , but the one I listed to is
14.295MHz
73's de luis
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Date: 12 FEB 93 12:50:32
From: pa.dec.com!engage.pko.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!ryn.mro4.dec.com!
cimfie.enet.dec.com!taber@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: shave and a haircut
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Feb12.170141.24623@wam.umd.edu>, ham@wam.umd.edu (Scott Richard
Rosenfeld) writes...
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>I have always sent the "dit...di-di-dit.dit...dit.dit" because it was
>taught to me (indirectly) through QSO's as a nice way to end the con-
>versation. This is the ham radio version of the famous
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>"Shave and a hair-cut....Two bits!"
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>routine, identical to the one that got Roger Rabbit caught by Dr. Doom
>in the bar. Of course, he got away...
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>Sometimes, when I'm saying goodbye to someone whom I have just dropped
>off from my car, I will do this with the horn. Just a nice way of
>saying goodbye.
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Nice? NICE? I would like to detail the parentage of people who stupidly
and pointlessly beep their "nice" little message on their auto horns,
but we've already been dragged down the rathole of when profanity is and
is not appropriate on the net. Though I believe that in this case the
grandest profanity is a mere build up to the lambasting you deserve, I
will say that People Who Beep are somewhat lower on the scale of life
than the beetles that roll dung into little balls.

I live next to a guy -- nice guy -- whose friends think it is "nice" to
tap out a little greeting every time they go past the house.
"Beep-beep." Years ago, I think it might have made me smile the first
time I heard it. "Beep-beep." Very small town, down home, nice guys
kind of sound. Day in and day out. Every day. He apparently travels
with a hige number of such mental defectives, because night and day the
whole neighborhood is treated to the "beep beep"ing testimony of their
good will. His friends drop him off and drive off with a jaunty
beep-beep to insure the children on the street are not burdened with
excessive sleep. They arrive at his door, and in their exuberance can't
contain themselves long enough to walk over and say something, so they
beep-beep in the joy of small minds meeting. "Beep-beep." The nerves of
the whole neighborhood minus one rubbed raw.

"Dit-dit" on a code key is a mark of fellowship. Beep-beep on a car
horn is the mark of a pinheaded, self-centered buffoon who can't grasp
the idea that sound carries.

Not that I have strong opinions on it.

>>>==>PStJTT

Date: Sun, 14 Feb 1993 01:50:35 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!saimiri.primate.wisc.edu!
usenet.coe.montana.edu!news.u.washington.edu!ns1.nodak.edu!
aardvark.ucs.uoknor.edu!constellation!alliant.backbone.uoknor.edu@sdd.hp.com
Subject: Updates for severe weather spotting.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

  Based on feedback from the computer networks and some local
  inquiries, I have updated the storm spotting frequency list.
  Chris Novy has posted the updated lists on a computer at
  the Univ. of Illinois.

 Spotting Freqeuncies list: SPOTFREQ.DOC
  Ham radio and Civil Defense frequencies which have carried useful info

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   during severe weather are listed, primarily in the 2m band.   The list
   focuses on the Plains States where most of the mobile spotting is done.
   The area is rougly within a line from E. Wyoming to Indiana to
   Mississippi to SW Texas to Wyoming.

   The list is available via ftp:
         ftp vmd.cso.uiuc.edu
         login: anonymous
         password: your email address
         cd WX
         get SPOTFREQ.DOC

   For vacuum tube computer users:
           IP number for vmd.cso.uiuc.edu: 128.174.5.98


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   Further additions or corrections are sought. E-mail to me
   at the address below.   To keep the work load to a finite size,
   the area restriction will be maintained.

>>>>    In mid-March I will have the uiuc list updated with this
>>>>    round of changes.
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   Keith
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Date: Sat, 13 Feb 1993 01:56:50 GMT
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.unomaha.edu!cwis!
pschleck@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Feb10.124017.7080@dxis.att.com>, <pschleck.729451323@cwis>,
<1lgfqlINNh87@network.ucsd.edu>
Subject : Re: Why all the Bulletins?

brian@ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor) writes:

>pschleck@cwis.unomaha.edu (Paul W Schleck KD3FU) writes:
>>So, if you are a reader of Info-Hams, or Radio-Info, and think that this
>>approach is a good idea, drop Brian a line at brian@ucsd.edu to remind
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>>him and encourage its implementation.

>Or better yet, instead of contributing another 100+ messages to my
>mailbox (out of the 300+ I already get every day), why don't you figure
>out a way to send me your spare waking hours so that I'll have time to
>do it.

>It'll get done, but it's real low priority. Don't hold your breath.
>   - Brian

Three hundred messages a day? Wow! I knew you had some heady
responsibilities as ucsd.edu postmaster, but didn't fully appreciate it
until you mentioned your E-mail load. Don't most college campuses have
the usual contingent of low-paid student superhackers who can be counted on
to run computers for the fun of it? I know we've got plenty of those at
University of Nebraska (and back at University of Maryland :-).
If there's someone out in net-land familiar with INN, perhaps they could
do the research and implementation of a trial solution?

Certainly take your time, Brian. Your contribution to the net through
maintenance of the mailing lists and archives is appreciated (although
we may occasionaly disagree on implementation).

73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

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